

Removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings will transform the way people live, work and travel across metropolitan Melbourne and improve safety for drivers and pedestrians.

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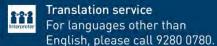
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Construction to start soon

The Level Crossing Removal Authority has announced that BMD Constructions will remove the level crossing at Melton Highway in Sydenham by raising the road over the rail line.

The new bridge will provide three traffic lanes, bike lanes and footpaths in each direction. The design will also create new open space and improve connections to existing local road, pedestrian and cyclist networks.

Early works will start this summer to remove the level crossing by late 2018.



View towards Watergardens Station



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What are the benefits of removing this level crossing?

- Improved safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.
- Reduced traffic congestion no more waiting at the boom gates for the 38,000 vehicles that travel along Melton Highway every weekday.
- Better connected communities – creating new public space, walking and cycling paths.
- More trains will be able to run on the Sunbury line.
- Creation of hundreds of jobs during construction.

Design features

A number of improvements have been incorporated into the project as a result of community feedback we received about the design earlier this year.

These include adding stairs to enable pedestrians to easily access the bridge to safely cross the railway line, lighting underneath the bridge to improve amenity, and a wider bridge that will provide additional open space under the east end of the bridge.

A new, two-directional service road on the north-west side of the highway will provide local traffic direct access to the Overton Lea Boulevard intersection, allowing motorists travelling along Victoria and Sydenham roads to access Melton Highway more directly.

The new design will also feature hexagonal tiled finishes on the bridge structure and footpath – a design that is inspired by the Organ Pipes National Park. Landscaping and tree planting will also be a key part of the design, helping the structure fit in with the local landscape.



Drop-in sessions

Come to one of our drop-in sessions to see the latest designs and speak to members of the project team.

9am - 5.30pm, Wednesday 7 December

Watergardens Shopping Centre, near Woolworths

10am – 12 noon, Saturday 10 December

Uniting Church 514-516 Melton Highway, Sydenham

Sydenham/Victoria roads under Melton Highway



